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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Toshio ISHII et al.

Serial No. : Divisional Application of
Serial No. 09/675,330

Filed : Concomitantly herewith

For :

Art Unit :

Examiner :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED
CONCOMITANT WITH DIVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please revise the title as follows:

--APPARATUS FOR HOT DIP GALVANIZING--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, under the title and before line 1, insert the
following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional application of
application Serial No. 09/675,330 filed September 28, 2000, which
is a continuation application of International application
PCT/JP99/01664 (not published in English) filed March 31, 1999.--

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Page 25, replace the eighth paragraph with the following paragraph:

--Figs. 34(a), 34(b), and 34(c) are schematic drawings of the flow pattern of molten zinc in the plating pot.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the enclosed Abstract of the Disclosure for the Abstract submitted with the copy of the parent application.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Amend Figs. 2 and 3 to correct the spelling of "QUALITY" and to remove the Japanese characters;

amend Figs. 4 and 14 to correct the spelling of "QUALITY".

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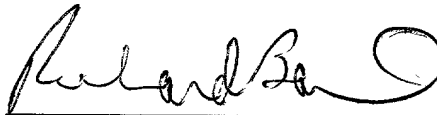
This is a Divisional Application of application Serial No. 09/675,330.

In the April 26, 2001 Office Action in parent application Serial No. 09/675,330 there was a restriction requirement under 35 USC 121. The claims in this divisional applicatoin are directed to the apparatus claims of non-elected Group II in the parent application Serial No. 09/675,330.

The amendment to page 25 of the specification is the same as that made in the parent application. Enclosed is a MARKED UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION.

Submitted concomitantly herewith is a LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON which includes red-inked marked up copies of Figs. 2 to 4 and 14 showing the amendments set forth hereinabove and formal drawings incorporating such amendments.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Barth", written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosure: MARKED UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE
SPECIFICATION

Abstract of the Disclosure

An apparatus for galvanizing which comprises a plating tank, a dross removing tank, a means to transfer the molten metal bath from the plating tank to the dross removing tank, and an opening located on the plating tank to recycle the molten metal bath from the dross removing tank to the plating tank.

1. An apparatus for galvanizing which comprises a plating tank, a dross removing tank, a means to transfer the molten metal bath from the plating tank to the dross removing tank, and an opening located on the plating tank to recycle the molten metal bath from the dross removing tank to the plating tank.

MARKED UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 25, eighth paragraph:

--[Fig. 34 is] Figs. 34(a), 34(b), and 34(c) are schematic drawings of the flow pattern of molten zinc in the plating pot.--

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Please authorize the following changes: amend Figs. 2 and 3 to correct the spelling of "QUALITY" and to remove the Japanese characters; and amend Figs. 4 and 14 to correct the spelling of "QUALITY".

Enclosed are red-inked, marked-up copies of Figs. 2 to 4 and 14 showing the above changes.

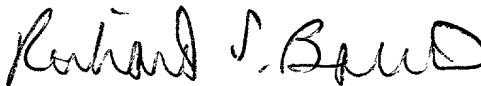
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Please substitute the enclosed formal drawings for Figs. 2 to 4 and 14 as originally filed.

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FIG.2

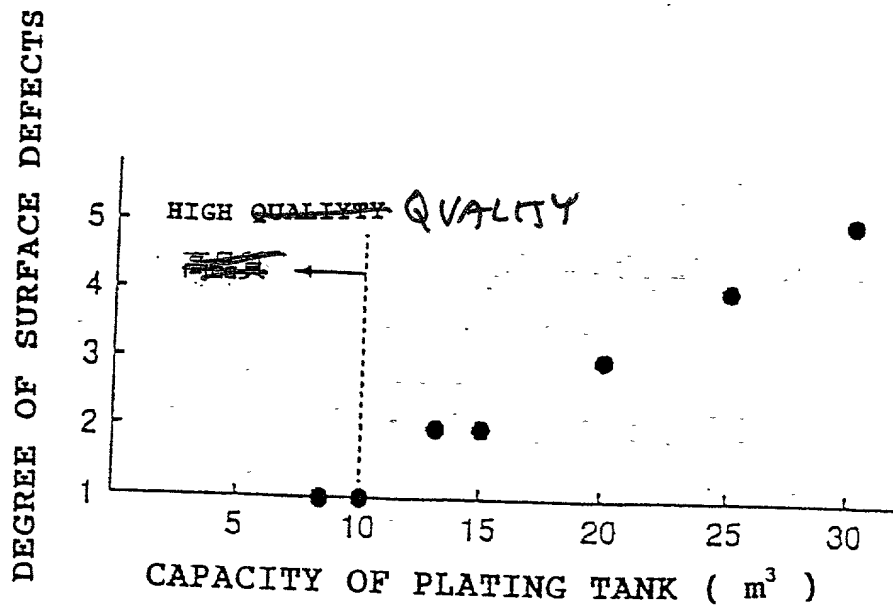


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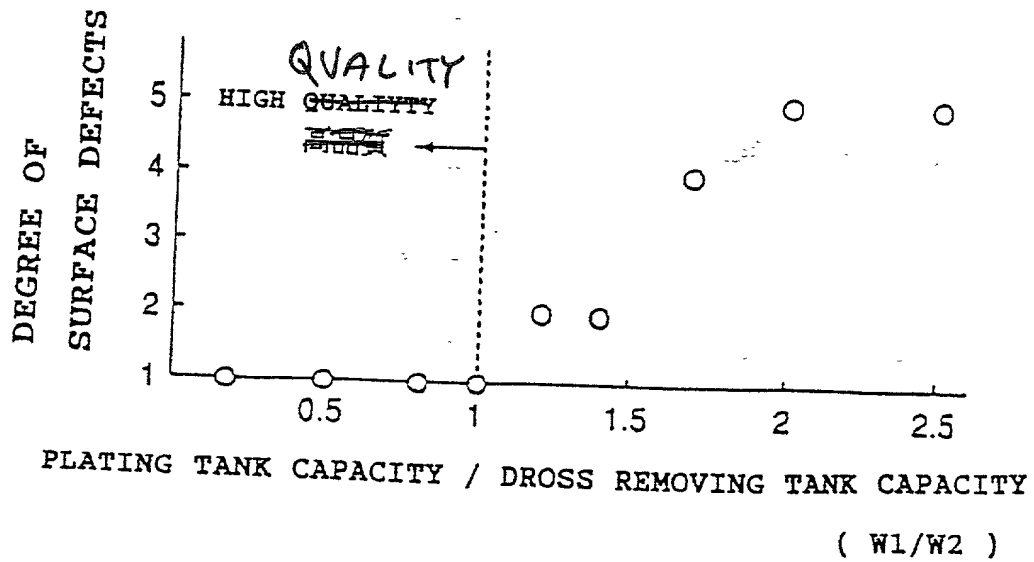


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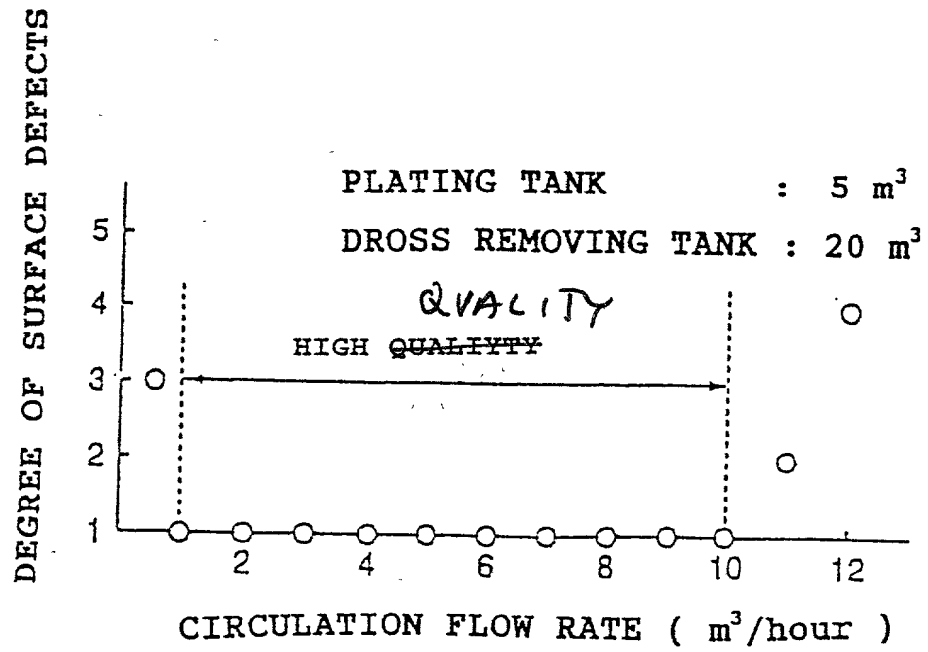
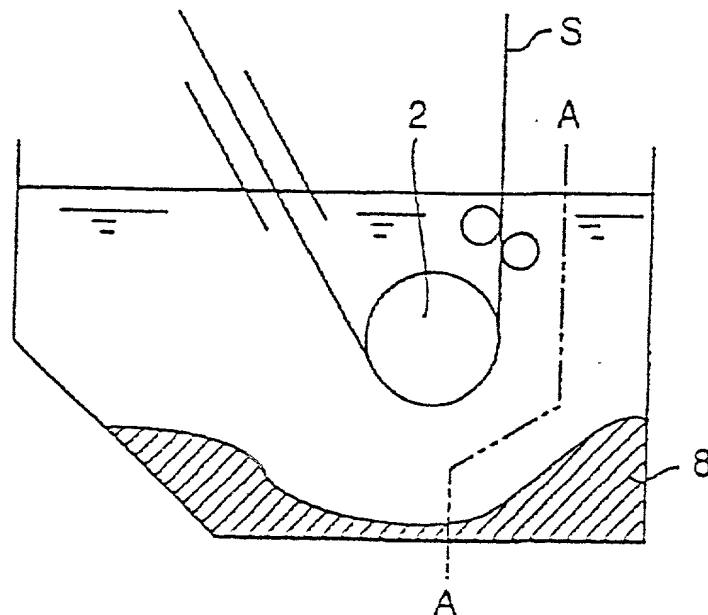


FIG. 5



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FIG. 13

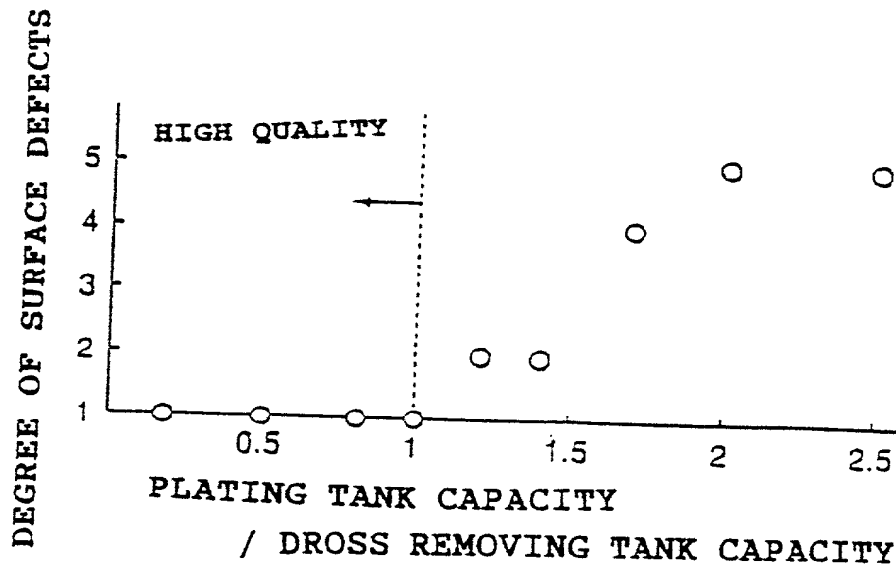


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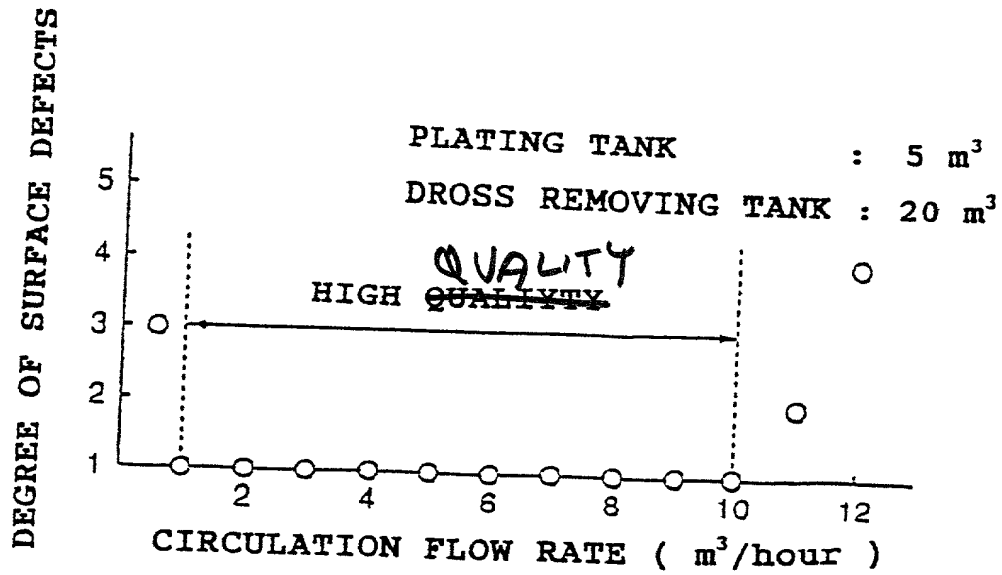


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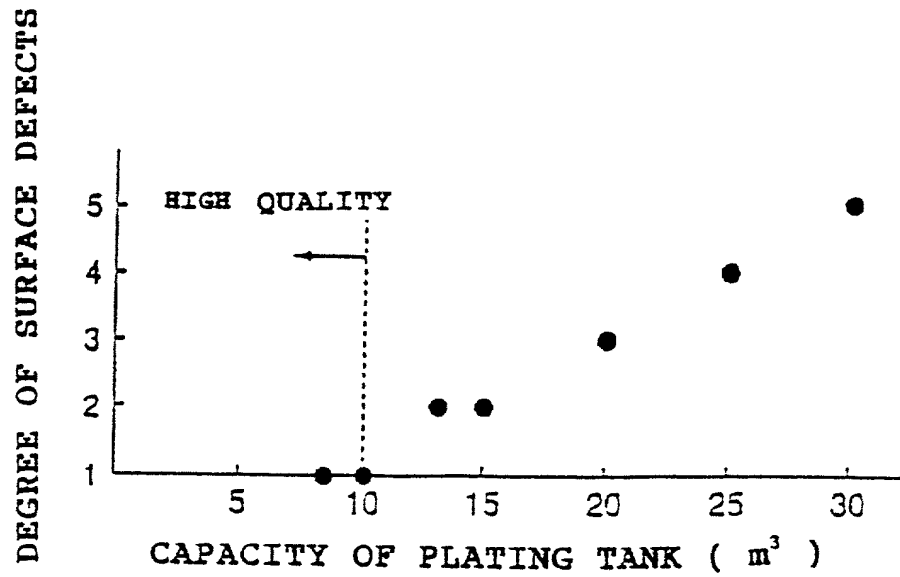


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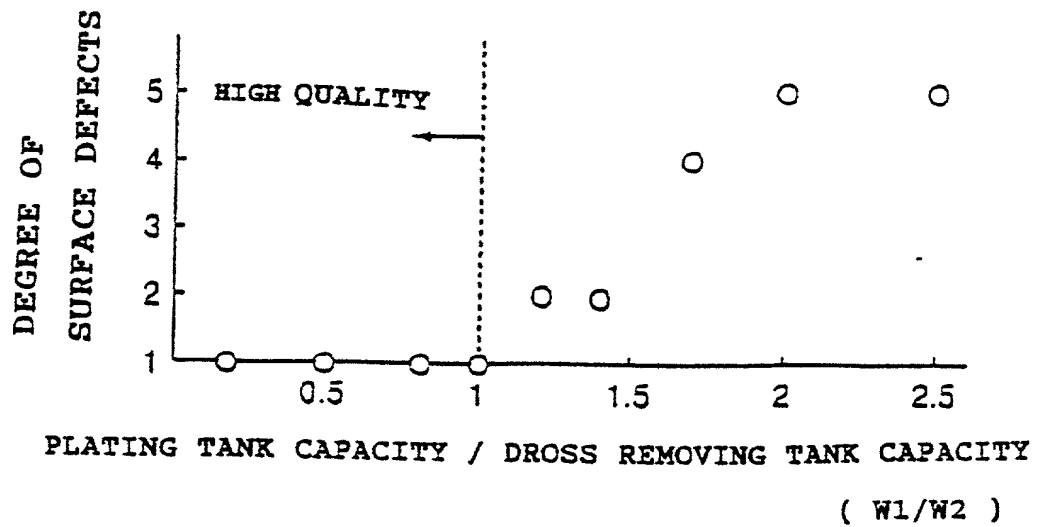


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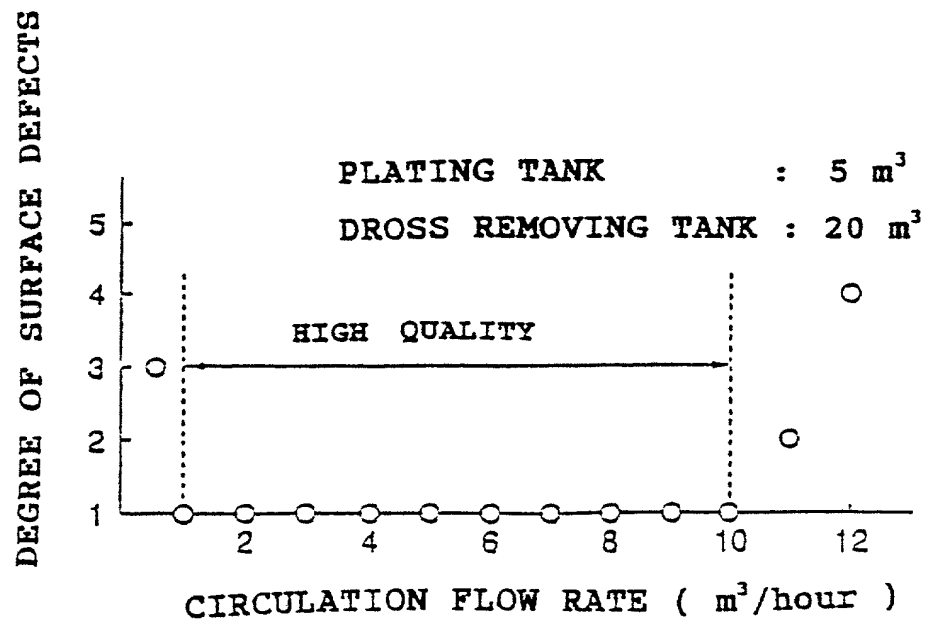


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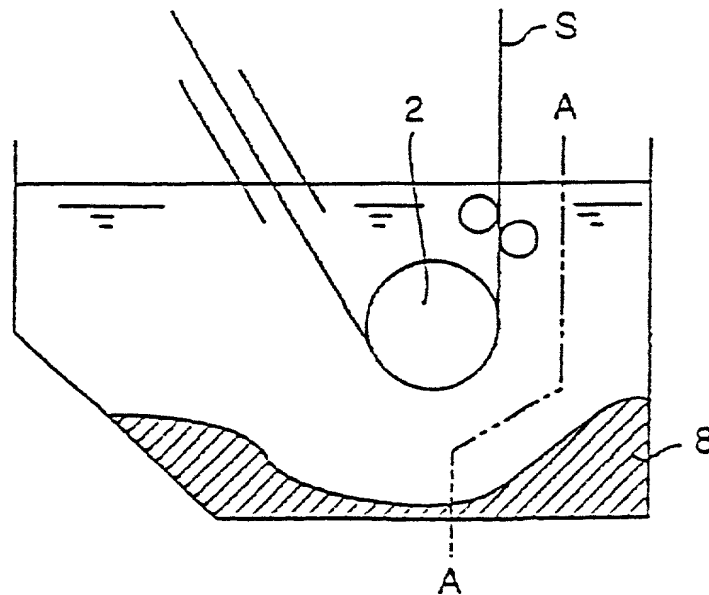


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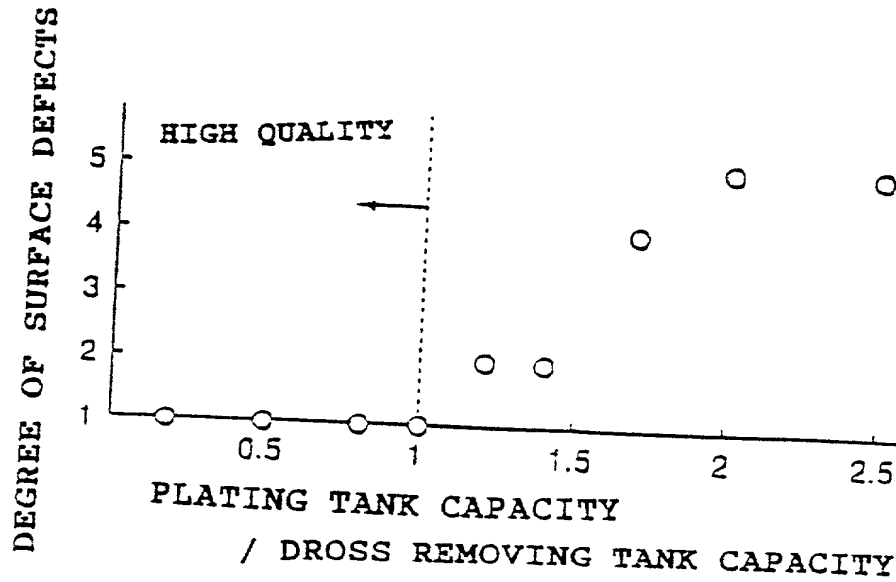


FIG. 14

